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providing at least one ablation device having at least one ablating element, the at least one ablation device configured to be slidably received within the at least one lumen of the flexible tubular member;

positioning the distal portion of the flexible tubular member in contact with a location on a surface of the heart;

transluminally positioning the at least one ablation device within the at least one lumen of the flexible tubular member until the at least one ablation element is located at least partially within the distal end portion; and

ablating tissue to form a lesion around at least one pulmonary vein with the at least one ablating element positioned proximate to the location on the heart surface to form at least part of the lesion around the at least one pulmonary vein.

REMARKS

Claims 282-297 have been added. Claims 1-297 are now pending in this case. Support for the newly added claims can be found throughout the application as originally filed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1894 \$120.00 for the newly added independent claims and \$135.00 for the newly added number of claims in excess of 20. Applicants request that any fee or additional fee due be charged to or any overpayment credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1894. Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

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